herewith the "Annual Report of the Department of Purchases and Supplies" for the year of July 1, 1956 through June 30, 1957.

Respectfully submitted, HAZEN L. FUNK,

Commissioner.

Received and placed on file.

Recorder's Court

October 16,1957.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen-I respectfully report to your honorable body that a jury duly impanelled in the Recorder's Court, in the matter of acquisition of land for widening of Wayne Street at the southeast corner of Michigan Avenue, rendered a verdict in favor of said acquisition October 2nd, 1957, which was confirmed by the Court October 16, 1957.

In accordance with the statute, I herewith transmit a certified copy of said verdict, and of the judgment of confirmation.

Respectfully submitted, E. BURKE MONTGOMERY, Clerk.

Received and placed on file.

Department of Street Railways October 21, 1957.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen-In response to our advertisement for proposals for furnishing this Department with 50,000 pounds Cotton Wiping Cloths, in accordance with specifications on file in this office, five bids were received and opened October 8, 1957 as shown on the attached tabulation. Inquiries were forwarded to nineteen companies.

It is recommended that the low bid, submitted by Ace Wiping Cloth Company, be accepted for furnishing the wipers at \$.173 per pound.

Price is f.o.b. delivered and is firm.

Terms: Net.

The approval of your Honorable Body is requested.

Respectfully submitted, L. B. SMITH.

Supervisor of Purchases.

Approved: LEO J. NOWICKI, General Manager.

Department of Street Railways October 21, 1957.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen-Under date of September 10, 1957 your Honorable Body authorized the purchase of approximately 1000 tons Bituminous Coal, in truckload lots, from Brown-Ward Division of Sunnyhill Coal Sales Company, at \$9.45 per ton and our purchase order number V-24084 was is-

As a result of a freight increase granted the railroad amounting to five cents (5c) per ton, we are advised by Brown-Ward Division that that the price of coal will be increased the 1957 month included salary and

a like amount. It is therefore recommended that we be permitted to change the price on approximately 1000 tons of coal to \$9.50 per ton. increasing the total amount of the purchase order from \$9,450.00 to \$9,-500.00.

This increase has been checked and found to be correct.

The approval of your Honorable Body is requested.

Respectfully submitted, L. B. SMITH, Supervisor of Purchases.

Approved:

LEO J. NOWICKI, General Manager.

By Councilman Rogell:

Resolved, That the Dept. of Street Railways be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract with Ace Wiping Cloth Co. for the purchase of cotton wiping cloths on terms and in accordance with foregoing communication; and further

Resolved, That freight rate increase on contract with the Brown-Ward Divn. of Sunnyhill Coal Sales Co. for bituminous coal, as outlined above be and the same is hereby approved.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas-Councilmen Connor, Lincoln, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, Wise, Youngblood and President Beck-8.

Nays-None.

Department of Street Railways October 14, 1957.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen-We respectfully submit the Financial Statement of the Department of Street Railways for the month of September, 1957.

The result of operations for the month shows a net income of \$14,-588 as compared with a net loss of \$918 for the month of September, 1956.

Total revenue for the month was \$2,805,357 as compared with \$2,865,-787 in September 1956, a decrease of \$60,430, or 2.11%. This decrease occurred in spite of the fact that the 1957 month included one more weekday and one less Saturday than the same month in the preceding year; and despite an increase in average fare-box passenger revenue per revenue passenger from 17.53 cents in September, 1956 to 18.20 cents in September, 1957, because of the elimination of the discount on adult ticket fares effective August 1, 1957.

Total revenue passengers for the month were 14,602.397 as compared with 15,619,593 in September 1956, a decrease of 1,017,196, or 6.51%. Adjusting for the difference in calendar, the decline in revenue passengers was approximately 8.30%.

Total costs for the month amounted to \$2,790,769, as compared with \$2,-866,705 in September, 1956, a decrease of \$75,936, or 2.65%. Costs for